



# CLARKSBURG

## Berkshire County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Clarksburg is located in Berkshire County, just north of the City of North Adams and bordering Stamford, Vermont. It has a year-round population of approximately 1700 people.

The town combines all of the benefits of rural living in an area full of scenic landscapes, with an excellent elementary school (K-8), sufficient land available for development, and direct access to the urban amenities of North Adams. The zoning by-laws of Clarksburg have recently been totally revised, thereby creating three areas for industrial development. The town intends to aggressively promote and develop its newly created industrial lands, to relieve the presently basically residential tax burden.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Pownal and Stamford, Vermont, on the north; Florida on the east; North Adams on the south; and Williamstown on the west. Clarksburg is 24 miles north of Pittsfield, 65 miles northwest of Springfield, 134 miles northwest of Boston, and 171 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 12.84 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 12.76 sq. miles

**Population:** 1,745

**Density:** 137 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Great Barrington Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

North Adams, Williamstown

## Regional Planning Agency

Berkshire County

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 663-7940

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1798

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,023		
Democrats	218	21.3	%
Republicans	82	8.0	%
Other parties	1	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	722	70.6	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Clarksburg town, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	1,686	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	1,686	100.0
Male.....	838	49.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	4	0.2
Female.....	848	50.3	Mexican.....	1	0.1
Under 5 years.....	72	4.3	Puerto Rican.....	1	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	127	7.5	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	120	7.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2	0.1
15 to 19 years.....	109	6.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,682	99.8
20 to 24 years.....	62	3.7	White alone.....	1,680	99.6
25 to 34 years.....	184	10.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	277	16.4	Total population.....	1,686	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	270	16.0	In households.....	1,680	99.6
55 to 59 years.....	106	6.3	Householder.....	659	39.1
60 to 64 years.....	81	4.8	Spouse.....	422	25.0
65 to 74 years.....	173	10.3	Child.....	485	28.8
75 to 84 years.....	85	5.0	Own child under 18 years.....	358	21.2
85 years and over.....	20	1.2	Other relatives.....	63	3.7
Median age (years).....	41.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	20	1.2
18 years and over.....	1,302	77.2	Nonrelatives.....	51	3.0
Male.....	626	37.1	Unmarried partner.....	36	2.1
Female.....	676	40.1	In group quarters.....	6	0.4
21 years and over.....	1,248	74.0	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	327	19.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	6	0.4
65 years and over.....	278	16.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	123	7.3	Total households.....	659	100.0
Female.....	155	9.2	Family households (families).....	512	77.7
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	206	31.1
One race.....	1,686	100.0	Married-couple family.....	422	64.0
White.....	1,683	99.8	With own children under 18 years.....	159	24.1
Black or African American.....	1	0.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	63	9.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	With own children under 18 years.....	37	5.6
Asian.....	-	-	Nonfamily households.....	147	22.3
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	120	18.2
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	59	9.0
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	220	33.4
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	198	30.0
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.55	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.89	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	688	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	659	95.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	29	4.2
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	5	0.7
Some other race.....	2	0.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	-	-	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	6.6	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	659	100.0
White.....	1,683	99.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	574	87.1
Black or African American.....	1	0.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	85	12.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.60	(X)
Asian.....	-	-	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.18	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	2	0.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP): 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Clarksburg is situated in Berkshire County, a region of hills and low mountains that widen to create the Berkshire Valley in the south. The major cities and towns are linked together by U.S. Route 7. North Adams and Pittsfield are major points of entry for rail freight into Massachusetts, and the region has several commercial airports. Public roads and highways meet the requirements of modern transportation.

### Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 8, which connects just south of Clarksburg with cross-state Route 2.

### Rail

There is no freight or passenger rail service in Clarksburg, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

### Bus

Clarksburg is a member of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), which provides user-side paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

### Other

Harriman & West Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in the neighboring town of North Adams, has a 4,300'x 100' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: None.

**Commuting to Work** (Means of Transportation to Work, Travel Time) [U.S. Census Bureau Tables](#)

## LAND USE CLASSIFICATION

\*(Office of Environmental Affairs 1985)

	Acres	
Residential	626	7.6%
Commercial	5	0.1%
Industrial	9	0.1%
Transportation	3	0.0%
Agriculture	501	6.1%
Urban Open Land	14	0.2%
Recreation	45	0.5%
Water	60	0.7%
Other	6,929	84.6%

\* Cape Cod communities updated 1992

## ZONING REGULATIONS

(Supplied by community 1993)

Single      Two      Multi

	Family	Family	Family
Minimum lot size (sf)	21,780-217,800	21,780-87,120	21,780-87,120 (6 d.u. maximum)
Minimum lot width or frontage (ft)	100-250	100-125	100-125

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

(Supplied by community 1993)

Comprehensive Plans	No
Rent Control	No
Condominium Controls	No
Groundwater Protection	No
Subdivision Control Laws	Yes
Site Plan Approval Required	Yes
Other Growth Limits	No

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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)





# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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